



# SYNOPSIS

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 25, 2016  
Schedule 8**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 26 – Bill request deadline.  
February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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### **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 2016**

**HB 228** Delegate Barve, et al

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION – BALTIMORE–  
WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT  
– MANAGEMENT OF FOOD SERVICE AND RETAIL CONCESSIONS

Authorizing the Maryland Aviation Administration to enter into a specified type of lease with a concessions developer to provide food service and retail operations at the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport; requiring the Administration to enter into specified leases if the Administration terminates a lease with a concessions developer prior to the end of the lease; requiring that on or before October 1, 2017, the Administration exercise a specified option to terminate a specified lease; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 5-413(e) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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**HB 229**     **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

COMMERCIAL     MOTOR     VEHICLES     –     OPERATION     –  
TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCIES

Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to waive specified safety regulations for commercial motor vehicles in intrastate travel under specified circumstances to facilitate emergency relief efforts; establishing the authorized duration of a transportation emergency; authorizing the Secretary to renew a transportation emergency declaration beyond the authorized duration for specified periods of time; establishing the maximum total period of time that a transportation emergency may extend; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 25-111 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 230**     **Delegate Ebersole, et al**

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – REDUCTION IN  
FINANCIAL AID – NOTIFICATION

Requiring institutions of higher education who reduce institutional financial aid awarded to specified students to notify specified financial aid providers of the reduction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 18-113(c) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 231**     **Delegate Stein, et al**

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – FINANCIAL AID –  
REDUCTION PROHIBITED

Prohibiting financial aid that is awarded to a student by a public institution of higher education from being reduced by any other form of financial aid awarded to the student beginning in the 2016–2017 academic year; prohibiting a public institution of higher education from considering private scholarships when assembling financial aid packages; authorizing financial aid awarded by a public institution of higher education to be reduced in a specified order under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 15-119 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 232 Delegate Hayes, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ATHLETIC TRAINERS – EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS – APPROVAL**

Altering the definition of “practice athletic training” to include instruction to tactical athletes regarding the care and prevention of athletic injuries while engaging in tactical athletic activity; granting, except under specified circumstances, immunity from civil liability to a member of the State Board of Physicians for an act or omission relating to the approval of a specified evaluation and treatment protocol; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 14-5D-01 and 14-5D-11 - amended and § 14-5D-11.3 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 233 Delegate Carey****CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BALTIMORE–WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the designation of a specified certified noise zone that is used in determining the membership of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 5-414(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 234 Delegates Grammer and Metzgar****STATE HIGHWAYS – ELECTRONIC MAP OF STATE ROADS BY STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to develop and make available to the public on its Web site in an accessible and searchable electronic format a map that includes all State roads; requiring that the map be subdivided by State legislative district and include specified information; requiring the map to be updated or audited in a specified manner and according to a specified schedule; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 235 Delegates Malone and Sophocleus****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HISTORIC LINTHICUM WALKS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Historic Linthicum Walks, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Linthicum Walks home and park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 236 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – TRANSITIONING FROM SUBCONTRACTORS TO PRIME CONTRACTORS – STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise in the Department of Transportation to conduct a specified study with specified parties on how the State can assist minority business enterprises in transitioning from subcontractors to prime contractors; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 237 Delegate Smith, et al****COURTS – PROHIBITION AGAINST TESTIMONY BY CONVICTED PERJURER – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on a person convicted of perjury from testifying in a proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 9-104 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 238 Delegate Sophocleus****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
DISPOSITION OF FEES**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to remit a specified administrative fee to the Office of the Comptroller instead of using the fee to cover specified expenses; requiring the Board to remit to the Office of the Comptroller, rather than to Anne Arundel County, all fees that the Board collects; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller, rather than the County, to approve and pay from specified receipts specified salaries and expenses and to remit the balance to the County for the general purposes of the County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, §§ 10-104(c)(1) and 10-204(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 239 Delegate Sydnor, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS – BODY–WORN CAMERAS**

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2016, the Baltimore County Police Department to adopt policies and procedures for the use of body–worn cameras consistent with specified policies developed by the Maryland Police Training Commission and to issue body–worn cameras to law enforcement officers to use while on duty.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PS, § 3-511.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 240 Delegate Impallaria, et al****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – TOLL RATES**

Requiring that tolls paid with cash for the use of any transportation facilities project may not be more than the comparable tolls paid using an E–ZPass.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 241 Delegates Rosenberg and A. Washington****ELECTION LAW – STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS – CAMPAIGN FUND–RAISING DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION – CIVIL PENALTY**

Authorizing the State Board of Elections to impose a civil penalty for a violation by a campaign finance entity of the prohibition on fund–raising during the General Assembly session; authorizing the State Board to impose a lesser civil penalty than prescribed by law for a violation, as specified; repealing provisions of law authorizing the State Board, represented by the State Prosecutor, to institute a civil action in a circuit court against a campaign finance entity for violating the prohibition on fund–raising during the session; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 13-235 and 13-604.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 242 Delegate Moon, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – BETTING, WAGERING, AND GAMBLING – CIVIL OFFENSE**

Altering the penalty for specified conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making specified conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; authorizing a police officer to issue a citation under specified circumstances; establishing requirements for a citation issued under the Act; requiring the police officer to forward a copy of the citation to a specified court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 12-102 and 12-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

**HB 243 Delegate Lafferty, et al****LAND USE ACTIONS – LEGISLATIVE BODIES – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Authorizing a specified person who has been aggrieved by a land use decision, who is a taxpayer, or is an officer or unit of a local jurisdiction to file a request for judicial review by a circuit court of a land use action of a legislative body; specifying persons that have standing to bring and maintain a specified action in a circuit court to allow judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body; and applying a provision of law to a charter county and to Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, §§ 1-401, 4-406, and 10-103 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 244 Delegate Smith, et al****ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – CLOSURE OR CHANGE OF LOCATION OR OWNERSHIP – RESIDENT AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE NOTIFICATION**

Requiring an assisted living program to provide written notification to residents and resident representatives of specified actions at least 180 days before the day of the proposed action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-1813 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 245 Delegate Dumais, et al****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT**

Requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has substantial grounds to believe that a person has knowingly failed to report child abuse as required under a specified provision of law to file a specified complaint with a specified board, agency, institution, or facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 5-705.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 246 Cecil County Delegation****PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE POLICE – CECIL COUNTY**

Authorizing a specified commanding officer to designate to the Sheriff of Cecil County up to 20 individuals who are members of fire or ambulance companies to serve as fire police in Cecil County; authorizing the Sheriff of Cecil County to appoint specified individuals to serve as fire police in Cecil County; providing that specified powers are granted to individuals appointed to serve as fire police in Cecil County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 7-302(a), 7-303(a) and (b), and 7-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 247    Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – COMMUNITY ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER  
– APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

Authorizing the Cecil County Sheriff to appoint and remove an assistant director of a community adult rehabilitation center operated by Cecil County; and establishing that any assistant director of a community adult rehabilitation center operated by Cecil County serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 11-313 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 248    Delegate B. Robinson, et al****MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – COMMUNITY-BASED  
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS OR DAY CARE CENTERS FOR ADULTS –  
STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to conduct a study of contracts awarded during a specified fiscal year to a minority business enterprise that is a specified community-based residential program or specified day care center for adults; requiring the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs to report to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 249    Delegate Smith, et al****MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND MARYLAND DEFENSE  
FORCE – EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS –  
ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force whose employment and reemployment rights have been violated to bring a civil action for specified economic damages; and authorizing a court to award specified damages, fees, costs, and other relief to members of the National Guard and Maryland Defense Force if the court determines that the member's employment and reemployment rights were violated.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 13-704 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 250 Delegate W. Miller, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIRED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that specified individuals complete specified training within a specified time period; requiring each new and returning member of the General Assembly to take specified training; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide specified in-person training on or before the 10th day of the first regular session of each legislative term; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 3-213 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 251 Delegate West****EDUCATION – HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAMS – PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

Requiring specified local school systems to allow a specified student who is participating in a specified home instruction program to participate in specified clubs and activities beginning on January 1, 2017; requiring a specified student to participate in specified clubs and activities in a specified manner; and authorizing the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-121 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 252 Delegate Cluster, et al****PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY – CRIMINAL IMMUNITY**

Providing that a person is justified in using nondeadly force under specified circumstances; providing that a person is justified in using deadly force under specified circumstances; providing that a person who is justified in using force is immune from criminal prosecution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 2-211 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 253 Delegate Otto****MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – CITY OF CRISFIELD**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under specified circumstances for golf carts in the City of Crisfield; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield may operate the golf cart only on specified roads at specified times and only if the golf cart is equipped with specified lighting devices; and requiring a person who operates a golf cart on a highway in the City of Crisfield to keep as far to the right of the roadway as feasible.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 13-402(c) - amended and § 21-104.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 254 Delegate Moon, et al****DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – REVOCATION PROHIBITED – CITATION**

Prohibiting the Division of Parole and Probation from issuing a warrant for the retaking or arrest of a specified offender or probationer or sending a notice of violation to the court for the sole reason that the offender or probationer received a citation for the commission of a nonjailable civil offense; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 6-119 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 255 Delegate Moon, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL PAROLE – APPROVAL OF GOVERNOR**

Repealing the requirement that the Governor approve medical parole for a person serving a life sentence; and requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to provide, as a condition for medical parole, that a person agree to housing placement suitable to the parolee's medical condition, forward specified medical records, and enroll for medical insurance coverage before release on medical parole.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, §§ 7-301(d) and 7-309(f) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 256 Delegate Sydnor, et al****MARYLAND FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act; authorizing a user to direct a custodian of digital assets to disclose or not to disclose those assets under specified circumstances and in a specified manner; providing that the Act does not change, impair, or expand specified rights with respect to the digital assets of a user; authorizing a custodian to grant a specified fiduciary or designated recipient access to or a copy of specified records under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, §§ 15-601 through 15-620 - added and §§ 17-202 and 17-203 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 257 Delegate Moon, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROVIDING ELECTRONIC DEVICE LOCATION INFORMATION – HISTORICAL DATA**

Altering a definition of “location information” to include historical information concerning the geographic location of an electronic device that is or was generated by or derived from the operation of that device; and providing that specified evidence is not admissible in a specified proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 1-203.1(a)(5) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 258 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the board of trustees of specified community colleges to conduct specified studies on or before a specified date; requiring the board of trustees of specified community colleges to establish a minority business enterprise program if a specified study demonstrates a specified compelling interest; requiring the board of trustees of specified community colleges to comply with specified requirements in conducting a specified study and adopting a specified minority business enterprise program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 16-311(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 259 Delegate Carter, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – CUSTODY AND VISITATION DETERMINATIONS**

Requiring the court, in any case in which the court determines child support, to also consider custody and visitation of the child; and requiring the Child Support Enforcement Administration to refer the parties to the court for purposes of considering custody and visitation of the child when the Administration establishes a child support obligation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 260 Delegate Moon, et al****UNITED STATES SENATOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND COMPTROLLER – APPOINTMENTS TO FILL A VACANCY**

Requiring the Governor to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, Attorney General, or Comptroller from a list of names submitted by the State Central Committee of the political party of the vacating officeholder; requiring individuals whose names are submitted to the Governor to have been affiliated with the political party of the vacating officeholder before the vacancy occurred; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

EL, § 8-602 and Maryland Constitution, Art. V, § 5 and Art. VI, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 261 Delegate Sydnor, et al****JUVENILE CAUSES – DISPOSITION ON DELINQUENCY PETITION – REQUIRED CONSIDERATIONS**

Requiring a juvenile court to consider specified factors in determining an appropriate disposition on a petition alleging that a child is a delinquent child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 262 Delegate M. Washington, et al****SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND –  
FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTION**

Increasing the amount of funding required to be included in the annual State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund to \$1,000,000; requiring 30% of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the senior citizen population; and requiring 70% of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the population of senior citizens with income below the federal poverty level.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HU, § 10-516 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 263 Delegate Rosenberg****CIVIL ACTIONS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is deemed to be a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for specified communications; altering the remedies available to a defendant in an alleged SLAPP suit; requiring a court to dismiss a SLAPP suit under specified circumstances; requiring a court to stay discovery and other pending hearings or motions in an alleged SLAPP suit until a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 5-807 and 12-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 264 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****STUDY GROUP TO INVESTIGATE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES  
AGAINST MINORITY FRANCHISEES**

Establishing the Study Group to Investigate Discriminatory Practices Against Minority Franchisees; prohibiting a member of the Study Group from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Study Group to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Study Group to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 265 Delegate B. Robinson, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – ABUSER REGISTRY**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a registry that includes information about any employee of a health care facility whose employment was terminated because the employee was convicted of a specified crime; requiring a health care facility to submit the names of specified former employees to the Secretary for inclusion in the registry; authorizing a health care facility to access the registry under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 19-347.1 and 19-351(e) - added and § 19-351(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 266 Delegate Carter, et al****JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION**

Repealing the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over a child at least 14 years old alleged to have done specified acts and over a child at least 16 years old alleged to have committed specified crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-8A-03(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 267 Delegates Grammer and Metzgar****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – SALES BY OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS**

Establishing a sales and use tax exemption for specified sales made by specified out-of-state vendors under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 268 Delegate Moon, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement if the person was convicted of possession of marijuana before October 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 269 Delegate Moon, et al****PRETRIAL RELEASE, PAROLE, AND PROBATION – MARIJUANA – URINALYSES**

Prohibiting the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services and the Division of Parole and Probation from considering the submission of a urine sample that is positive for marijuana as a violation of pretrial release, parole, or probation in specified circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 6-119 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 270 Delegate Carozza, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – MARYLAND SPORTSMANSHIP MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim February as Maryland Sportsmanship Month; and requiring the proclamation to urge the Department of Natural Resources and specified local departments to observe Maryland Sportsmanship Month with specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 7-502 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 271 Delegate Dumais****CHILD SUPPORT – EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL EXPENSES**

Altering the definition of “extraordinary medical expenses” under the child support guidelines.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 12-201(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 272 Delegate Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or of a municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on property owned or leased by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company, property that is not used for residential purposes, and property used in a trade or business by a benefit corporation or benefit limited liability company; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-303(b)(5) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 273 Delegates K. Young and Krimm****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – FREDERICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Frederick Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction and capital equipping of the Frederick Memorial Hospital Dental Clinic, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 274 Delegate Dumais****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY**

Repealing a provision prohibiting a court from entering a decree of divorce on the uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; and repealing a provision specifying that in a suit for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation a separation agreement is corroborated by the plaintiff's testimony.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 7-101 - amended and § 8-104 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 275**     **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –  
NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM –  
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide specified notice and opportunity to comment to specified local governing bodies before the Department may approve projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program; repealing the requirement that specified local governing bodies or their authorized designees must approve specified proposals; increasing to \$7 million the maximum sum of contributions for projects under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HS, § 6-405(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 276**     **Delegate Stein, et al**

INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION  
EASEMENTS

Altering specified provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for specified preservation and conservation easements to allow an individual or a member of a pass-through entity to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, or the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-723 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means